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CHICAGO PACKERS STILL FACE PROSECUTION IN 31 CASES OF UNFAIR COMPETITION

Federal Trade Commission's Work Not Stopped by the Palmer Compromise.

CURB ON BIG BUSINESS.

Commission Reports to President Its Intention to Go On With Prosecutions.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Copyright 1919).—The troubles of the Chicago packers are by no means over. What the Department of Justice has done in compromising a suit brought under the Sherman Anti-Trust law will not swerve the Federal Trade Commission from its course in bringing proceedings in thirty-one different cases in which it is alleged that the packers are violating the Federal Trade Commission law with reference to unfair competition.

The full significance of a little statement issued recently, rather vaguely worded at the time but conveying nevertheless the intentions of the Federal Trade Commission, is just beginning to be apparent. It reveals that the commission is fully aware of the negotiations between the Department of Justice and the packers and prepared the statement of its position to be issued coincidentally with the announcement of the compromise reached by the Attorney General.

In many quarters, the Federal Trade Commission's position was promptly interpreted as dissatisfaction with the course of the Department of Justice, and the fact that the commission addressed its letter to the President and asked for a continuance of his confidence was construed as the outcropping of an inter-departmental quarrel.

But that isn't the situation. The feeling between the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice is friendly and co-operative. There is a perfect understanding of the scope and jurisdiction of each branch of the Government with reference to the suits against the packers.

The Federal Trade Commission furnished to the Department of Justice much of the evidence which was used in the suit brought under the Sherman law. That is only one of its functions, however. Under other laws it is charged with the duty of compelling "big business" to desist from unfair trade practices and its orders are subject to affirmation or reversal in the United States Court of Appeals.

So while the packers may reach an agreement with the Department of Justice as to their dissociation from related lines of business constituting a monopoly, that has nothing to do with the work of the Federal Trade Commission under other laws.

BIG QUESTION YET TO BE SETTLED IN PACKERS' CASE.
The big question which the Federal Trade Commission is trying to an-

7 GERMAN LINERS GO TO BRITAIN BY PRESIDENT'S ORDER

Shipping Board to Turn Over Graf Waldersee, Zeppelin and Other Craft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—By the direction of the President, the former German passenger ships, of the Imperial group, now in New York Harbor, are to be delivered to Great Britain, the Shipping Board announced today.

The vessels are those assigned to the United States after the armistice for the return of American troops and designated by the inter-Allied Naval Council to be turned over to Great Britain, under the armistice terms. The Imperial group already been delivered to the British.

In a letter to Secretary Lansing, made public today, John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Shipping Board, said:

"I am directed by the President to comply with the request contained in your letter transmitted to me this day from the White House and to advise you that the seven ex-German ships, to wit: Graf Waldersee, Zeppelin, Preussen, Cap Finisterre, Mobile, Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm and Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, now in the harbor of New York, will be delivered to the representative of Great Britain as soon as the proper person is designated to receive the same."

Delivery of the ships to Great Britain was delayed to obtain the use of the American owned oil tankers formerly under the German flag. A proposal was made by Chairman Payne that each country be permitted to use the vessels desired, pending a final determination of their ownership.

No action has been taken so far on the proposal and the transfer of the former German ships to Great Britain is without any explanation other than that it was done by direction of the President.

At the office of the Standard Oil Co., which claims ownership of the former German flag tankers, it was said that no word had been received as to the disposition of the ships. The tankers, twelve in number, and aggregating about 70,000 tons, were in Hamburg when the armistice was signed. It was understood that they were to be turned over to the Standard Oil Co., but instead were ordered to the Port of Fort for distribution among England, France, Belgium, Italy and the United States.

Allocation of the seven ex-German passenger ships, held here since September, will be made by the British Ministry of Shipping among the various British lines. The Zeppelin is to go to the White Star Line; the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm to the Orient Steam Navigation Co.; the Cap Finisterre, to the Canadian Pacific; the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.; the Graf Waldersee, to the Elberfeld Line; the Mobile, to the Elberfeld Line; the Graf Waldersee, to the Elberfeld Line.

No announcement has yet been made as to the companies that will get the Cap Finisterre and the Graf Waldersee.

Crosses to handle the ship have not been made here, but it is expected that they will be made soon.

NAVY HONORS MRS. DEWEY.
Daniel and High officials call on Admiral's Mother.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Navy and War Departments today paid a tribute to the mother of the late General William W. B. Dewey, by honoring her with the title of "Mother of the Navy."

DOCTOR VANISHES ON HIS WAY TO WED; 'RED' PLOT FEARED

William Grey Vermilye, of This City, Mysteriously Fails to Appear for Ceremony.

GUESTS LEAVE CHURCH.

Missing Bridegroom-Elect Left New York Hotel—Helped Round Up Radicals.

MONSON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dr. William Grey Vermilye, of New York, a former naval surgeon, failed to appear for his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney of this town yesterday, and to-day his absence was still unexplained. Miss Keeney, who resigned as professor of Spanish at Bucknell University to marry Dr. Vermilye, was reported to be at the home of her parents, but bearing up under the disappointment with the belief that her fiance would yet appear.

Guests at the expected wedding, who crowded the Methodist Church, were dismissed by the Rev. Herbert B. Buckingham with the word that Dr. Vermilye had not been heard from since he left a New York hotel supposedly on the way to be married. The Rev. Mr. Buckingham this morning said the family of Miss Keeney had had no later word. The wedding, he said, if performed, would be at the Keeney home.

Mr. Buckingham said he and Miss Keeney's family felt that Dr. Vermilye's absence was due to violence. The expected bridegroom, he explained, had been engaged in Federal service in rounding up radicals since his discharge from the Navy, and arrived in New York last Friday from a South American trip, in which he had supervised the deportation to Colombia of a "Red." This fact, he added, suggested the possibility of radical activities being responsible for Dr. Vermilye's non-appearance.

Miss Keeney and Dr. Vermilye met in South America two years ago. He was a visitor at her home here for a week last summer. Both graduated from Middle Western Colleges and completed their education at German universities.

Miss Keeney, returning from Bucknell University, was her fiance at New York last Saturday, when he accompanied her to the train. Subsequently he wired the hour of his expected arrival for the wedding. When he did not appear, inquiry was made by telephone at the New York hotel at which he was staying, but the only information there was that he had left Wednesday morning supposedly to the married.

George L. Keeney, father of the bride-elect, said this afternoon that Dr. Vermilye had been recently in the service of the United States Shipping Board, and that his recent trip to South America in connection with the deportation of radicals was in behalf of the Shipping Board.

STEEL STRIKE BREAK LIKELY

Five Thousand Vote To-night On Return to Work.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—First indications of a serious break in the ranks of the striking steel workers and predictions of an immediate end of the strike came today with the announcement that four lodges, claiming a membership of nearly 5,000 men, were preparing to declare a truce.

At a joint mass meeting to be held tonight, the 5,000 strikers will vote to return to work or to remain out until the steel companies agree to recognize the union.

Indications pointed, it was said, to a vote in favor of returning to work.

RED BALL IS UP!

Skating Season Officially Open in Uptown Parks.

The skating season opened officially today at Van Cortlandt and Morris Parks, and throngs of boys and girls ranging in age from six to fifty were there skating and trying the new, which was the "Red Ball."

After Commissioner Joseph A. Bonomo said the ice was not quite ready for the "Red Ball" yet, the boys and girls were skating on the "Blue Ball."

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Society Buds Who Will Appear as Roses At Ball To-Night in Maeterlinck's Honor



The above photograph shows four debutantes who will appear at the Blue Bird Ball to be given to-night at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of Maurice Maeterlinck. They will appear as "Roses." From left to right they are Helene Whitehouse, Cornelia Vanderbill, Margaret De Forest and Constantine Jennings.

WOOD ALCOHOL COSTS 8 LIVES; MURDER CHARGED

Five Arrested at Hartford After Deaths From Liquor Bought Here.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—Eight men are dead here from drinking liquor which, thought to be whiskey, had been compounded probably with wood alcohol. Four men under arrest for the time being, have been charged with murder in connection with the deaths and a fifth is charged with intent to transport liquor illegally.

Twelve barrels of a mixture presumed to be palatable but requiring water to lessen its strength were bought of a New York firm for \$12,000 according to statements made to the police. Pending analysis of the liquid the police opinion is that the liquid has a wood alcohol base and a coloring was added to make it look like whiskey.

The liquid was served over the bar of a saloon, the owner of which is under arrest, and State, city and Federal officers are trying to trace other shipments of the fluid both to this city and to Holyoke, Mass. The city police are trying to warn persons who bought so-called whiskey at the saloon for holiday use and carried it away in receptacles.

The first death came yesterday forenoon, another in the afternoon and then, with the third in the evening, police attention was called to the likelihood of other deaths, five of which came during the night. Those who have died were of foreign birth. The saloon had men of foreign nationality, mostly Poles, for its patrons. The man arrested charged with transportation of liquor is a truckman and had four barrels and many jugs of liquor in his truck. He said he did not know the contents of these.

Of the four specifically charged with the murder of Anthony Chaskevich, one of the victims, one is Frank Rous, the saloonkeeper, who was arrested after three arrests had been made. The city prosecutor had charged Rous with murder and conspiracy to murder, but he was not quite ready to say the three were guilty.

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BRITISH UNIONS TO BAN STRIKES NOT AUTHORIZED

Movement Inaugurated by Seven of the Large Bodies of Workers in England.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—SEVEN of the largest trade unions in Great Britain have inaugurated a movement aiming at the prevention of unauthorized strikes.

It is declared the movement is sponsored by the National Union of General Workers, representing an enormous membership.

98 PER CENT. VOTE FOR RAIL STRIKE

Machinists' Union Solidly Behind Labor Fight on Commis Anti-Strike Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent. of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event Congress enacted the Cummins Railroad Bill with its anti-strike provision.

In making this announcement today, William H. Johnston, President of the International Association of Machinists, said the vote was taken before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee reported out the Cummins measure and that the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in the attitude of attempting to threaten Congress.

Of the machinists' membership about 125,000 are employed on railroads.

"There is no necessity for such drastic legislation as is provided for in the Cummins Bill," said Mr. Johnston.

Labor officials will keep up the fight against the anti-strike action, it was said, and appeal finally to President Wilson to veto the bill if it should be enacted with that clause intact.

STORM DUE TO-MORROW.

Moving East From Lake Huron and Making a Gale.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A storm that may reach gale proportions tomorrow is approaching the North Atlantic Coast, moving eastward from Lake Huron. The Weather Bureau issued the following warning today:

SMITH WON'T NAME ATTORNEY GENERAL TO AID GRAND JURY

Has No Legal Power to Appoint Counsel—Would Remove Swann if Evidence Warrants.

ALBANY, Dec. 26.—In a letter to the extraordinary Grand Jury in New York City today, Governor Smith refused to appoint a special attorney-general to aid the Grand Jury in its hunt for a "sweeping crime."

The Governor said that if the Grand Jury has evidence of any crime being committed by District Attorney Swann and will lay it before him, he will remove the District Attorney if the evidence is sustained.

Gov. Smith's letter was as follows: "I have no legal power as Governor to appoint counsel for you. I have therefore given the most earnest consideration to the situation thus created and have come to the conclusion that the proper course for me to follow is the one clearly indicated as correct by the statutes of the State. These statutes provide that the District Attorney shall be the adviser of the Grand Jury. They give the Governor power to supersede him by designation of the Attorney General under certain specific conditions, which in my judgment have not been met."

"Believe, therefore, that it is neither my right nor my duty to supersede the District Attorney generally as adviser of the Grand Jury by the designation of the Attorney General. Nevertheless, the representations to me as Governor by no important body as the Grand Jury of the extraordinary item of the Supreme Court, that there exists conditions in the District Attorney's office which make it improper or inadvisable that he discharge his legal duty as the Grand Jury's adviser, should not be overlooked by me and should be treated by me in accordance with law."

"The more I have studied the conditions which have arisen between you and the District Attorney the more I am persuaded that the real issue here is not the District Attorney's performance in his duties as such, but the question of the propriety of the District Attorney's office which makes it improper or inadvisable that he discharge his legal duty as the Grand Jury's adviser, should not be overlooked by me and should be treated by me in accordance with law."

"I have no legal power as Governor to appoint counsel for you. I have therefore given the most earnest consideration to the situation thus created and have come to the conclusion that the proper course for me to follow is the one clearly indicated as correct by the statutes of the State. These statutes provide that the District Attorney shall be the adviser of the Grand Jury. They give the Governor power to supersede him by designation of the Attorney General under certain specific conditions, which in my judgment have not been met."

BRITAIN MAY FORCE IRELAND TO ACCEPT HOME RULE PLAN PREPARED BY LLOYD GEORGE

Premier Assured in Advance Parliament Would Pass Measure—British Army to Protect Ulster If It Yields to Programme.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Ireland may have to accept Premier Lloyd George's new Home Rule plan, introduced in the House of Commons Monday, whether she likes it or not, an official close to the British Premier declared in an interview.

The Premier is prepared to force acceptance of his measure, this official asserted. Its passage by Parliament was assured before the measure was submitted, he added.

\$3,600,000,000 IS COMMUNISM'S COST TO HUNGARY

Roumanians Took Twice as Much More, Premier Huszar Tells Deputation.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—HERR HUSZAR, the Hungarian Premier, stated in Budapest to a deputation presenting those crippled during the war, that Communism had cost Hungary eighteen billion kronen (nominally about \$3,600,000,000), according to a report received here.

The Premier said that the Roumanian invasion had taken thirty-six billion kronen more. The National Assembly had to restore Hungary's finance from a desperate condition.

JERSEY CAN PASS BEER-WINE BILL, EDWARDS INSISTS

Governor-Elect Says Defiantly "Wets" Have Enough Votes in Legislature.

Concerning the published statement of James K. Shields, President of the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League, that it would be useless to introduce in the New Jersey Legislature a bill to legalize the sale of light wines and beer, Gov.-elect Edward I. Edwards said today in Jersey City:

"I was elected on a wet platform by a majority of 15,000. A majority of the Legislature is wet. The 21 Assemblymen of Hudson, Essex, Atlantic and Passaic Counties are wet, so a bill legalizing the sale of light wines and beer can be passed."

"I have been asked if I shall employ special counsel to test the validity of the prohibition amendment. Certainly I shall not. The Attorney General is the proper one to start such a proceeding."

"I said during the campaign and I have repeated that if elected I would direct the Attorney General to start proceedings to test the constitutionality of the Prohibition Amendment. I am not taking any part in drafting the proposed law to legalize the manufacture and sale in New Jersey of light wines and beer. Lawyers like Senator Thomas Brown of Middlesex will attend to that. There has been no committee appointed to draft the law and there is no special committee that I know of."

Concerning a published statement that the proposed law would continue the present Department of Excise of New Jersey, Governor-elect Edwards said:

"There is no such department."

TAKE WELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and you have GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel—Ade.

Lloyd George, according to the official, is "heart and soul" for passage of some legislation which will at least start settlement of the Irish question, he continued. The Premier regards this problem as second importance only to winning the war.

It was believed in Government circles, according to this source of information, that Ulsterites will accept the Premier's plan, which provides for two legislatures, one for southern Ireland and another for Ulster, with a co-ordinating body to be known as a national assembly.

If Ulster accepts the plan, and its parliament is threatened by the Sinn Féin, the "redne British Army" is available for protection of Ulster, it was asserted.

The government realizes it is impossible to force the Sinn Féin section of Ireland to organize a parliament, the official said, but he pointed out, it would be easy to offer them the chance to deal with the Orange men through a legislative body and to give protection to the Ulsterites in case there was any attempt to interfere with them.

For the present, it was said, the Premier is "forgetting Ireland" until resumption of parliament, which has been prorogued by the King until February. The Premier's Home Rule bill already has been drawn up and pigeon-holed.

Lloyd George, it was said, will devote his time now to domestic questions, the continent and the peace conference. He plans to leave for Paris to discuss peace problems early in January.

The Premier's advisers have assured him of speedy passage of the Irish measure—probably within two months after the reassembling of parliament—and by that time, it was hoped, most of the international questions will have been settled.

BRITAIN RESUMES WORLD TRADE WAR

Sends Missions to South Russia and to Siberia, It Is Announced.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Great Britain has started a systematic campaign to regain her leadership of world trade, it was disclosed today. British commercial missions, unheralded, are working quietly in all the markets of the world in an effort to make London again the center of goods and prices, according to authoritative information.

A mission of six, headed by H. P. Mackinder, M. P., and a member of the advisory committee to the Ministry of Reconstruction, and Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, soon will arrive in South Russia to promote trade relations with General Denikin's Government, it was learned.

Another mission is enroute to Siberia, while trade experts have been sent to the Balkans, Italy, Germany, South America and other places where British-made goods may find a market.

CHINA MAY END FOOT BINDING

Organization Launched to Put a Stop to Ancient Custom.

KAPING, China, Dec. 2.—An organization has been launched here by leading Chinese to aid in putting a stop to the ancient Chinese custom of binding the feet of female children. Sons have been composed depicting the practice of foot binding, and students of boys' schools are being asked to take the pledge "I will not marry a woman with unnatural feet."

The name of the new organization, literally translated, is "The Heavenly Feet Association."

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